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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time, from December 11, 2001 to and including March 11, 2002, to respond to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2001 in the above-referenced case. With the extension, the deadline for response to the Final Office Action is March 11, 2002, and thus Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on March 8, 2002 is timely. Responsive to that Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendment

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows, replacing the original paragraphs by the corresponding amended paragraphs detailed below. A copy of the amended paragraphs, with the changes highlighted, is presented in the attached Appendix ("Version With Markings to Show Changes Made").